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Budget and Appropriations Subcommittee Minutes

September 11, 2007
Room 102, State Capitol
Helena, Montana

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Committee tapes are on file in the offices of the Legislative Fiscal Division.

The meeting of the Budget and Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order by **Senator Dave Wanzenried**, Chairman, on September 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., in room 102 of the State Capitol. The following members were present:

Representative Jon Sesso
Representative Janna Taylor

Senator John Cobb
Senator Dave Wanzenried

Attachments

Agenda #1
Visitor's list #2
Roll Call #3

Tape 1A; 135-359

The committee members spent a significant amount of time discussing the budget process, appropriations process, and the revenue estimating process.

Study of Budget and Appropriations Processes of the State of Montana (*Tape 1A; 360*)

Alan Peura, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division presented a report on the Study of Budget and Appropriations Processes of the State of Montana. (Exhibit 1) Mr. Peura explained that the report identifies the process for selecting the specific issues for study and review and how staff prioritized those issues. The subcommittee is tasked with determining which of the issues to recommend to the Legislative Finance Committee to be included in the interim study. Mr. Peura also provided a handout on Subcommittee Prioritizing Project Options to provide a process for committee members to list their top five project priorities. (Exhibit 2)

The subcommittee submitted their priorities to staff to flush out the details and will review them at the next LFC meeting.